

Conservation Commission
Milfoil Committee Minutes

For Wednesday, September 27, 2016 @ 8:30 AM @ the Moultonborough Town Hall

Members Present: Chairman Karin Nelson, Al Hoch, Ginny Gassman, Bev Nelson, Tracy Waterman, Scott Bartlett

Others Present: Rich Thorman, Bob Patterson

Members Absent: Paul Ardito, Amy Lindamood, Dave Joyce

Tracy was seated as voting committee member for Amy, who is absent.

Minutes: Al moved to accept the minutes of August 24th, 2016. The motion was seconded by Tracy and passed unanimously.

Herbicide Treatment: 16 acres were treated. Al surveyed some areas and found that plants were falling down.

Water Testing: Karin and Bev will go out Friday to complete 10-day water testing.

Finances: We discussed how much we might have saved if we had combined the August and September herbicide treatments. However, this would not have solved the issue of the danger of the flowering/seeding plants in August.

Projection for harvesting: The committee discussed increasing the number of planned days of harvesting since there is milfoil to pull, calendar days available, and money available.

Scott made a motion to authorize ABA to harvest up to a total of 135 days, weather permitting. This was seconded by Ginny and approved unanimously. Karin to discuss this with Walter Johnson, town administrator.

DES: \$39K of grant refunds has been received.

Lake Hosts: Tracy reported that Paul Ardito will resign from the committee. The committee would like Tracy to replace him as a voting member. The committee discussed who would sign Tracy's Lake Host manager pay sheet once Paul leaves. This will need to be signed every two weeks. Paul, Tracy and Karin will get together to make the transition during the winter. Tracy reported that the Lake Host program is under budget. She also said next year we will have to work to recruit volunteers and employees, as some will be "retiring."

Tracy has been working on a program justification letter requested by the NH Lakes Assoc. She will send it to the committee via Ginny for feedback.

Tracy and Scott will be working to get better conditions for storing signs.

Summer Camps – Karin talked about the possibility of doing a program on milfoil at the three summer camps next year. The camps are Robindell, Winaukee and Tecumsah.

Bob Patterson (AB Aquatics) - Bob Paterson spoke about needing a formal decision on what we will be doing next year with respect to harvesting vendors. Karin said we needed to see some bids for next year and to make judgments on the vendor comparison we did this summer. Bob P. said it is tough for him when the decision is made in December because now is the time that AB Aquatics is planning for next year. He said he would like to make some investment that would allow him to have two divers off of one boat. At that point Bob Paterson left.

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Vendor Comparison - The committee analyzed the data from the vendor comparison. Al provided a spreadsheet that showed the original data from each vendor along with the amount of time it took ABA to subsequently clear out the areas.

The committee formulated a recommendation to the Select Board. Karin is to discuss with Walter Johnson.

Next Meeting - The next meeting will be Tuesday October 25th at 8:30 AM at the town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

ACTION ITEMS:

A21: Karin will discuss further with Amy, in order to have a program in shallow water for harvesting. Status: ongoing. Latest update: Bob Paterson said he would follow up on shallow water pulling.

A42: Ginny to add to the Activities List: submit people to be invited to the volunteer luncheon in August. Ginny to review all items on the activities list to update and follow up with Karin.

A50: Ginny to talk to Alison about how to link about the fertilizer use info to web the site. – ongoing

A63: Teresa Eichhorn is compiling a list of Lake Associations - Ongoing

A65: Amy is to put together a “how-to-use” card for “My GPS Coordinates Pro”. The weed watcher will need to indicate what level of milfoil density they are seeing.